

# Beeches Infant and Junior Schools

## Weekly Newsletter



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Issue 6

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### HALF TERM

Today we break up for half term. There is no Teacher Day when we come back so we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Monday 23rd February**. Have a happy and safe week, everyone!

### WORLD THINKING DAY

Both schools have been asked to support World Thinking Day on Monday 23rd February (the first day after half term) and we are happy to do so. On that day, children who attend Brownies, Girl Guides, Cubs, Scouts or Beavers can wear those uniforms instead of their school uniforms if they wish to. **This is not a non-uniform day** - if your child is not part of one of those organisations, they **must wear their school uniform** as usual.

### DRIVING PAST THE BARRIER

Unless you have special permission from either school, you must not drive up to school past the barrier, even if it is open. **This includes children coming to Beeches Busy Kids Club, regardless of what time it is.** If permission to drive up has been given due to one parent/carer's disability, other family members do not have the same permission.

### BIRTHDAY CAKES AND SWEETS

We are happy to help your child enjoy their birthday and let them give out treats at the end of the day but please note: Items must be individually wrapped and not home-made. For example, a bag of individually wrapped lollipops or a box of "Heroes" or "Celebrations" would be fine, but a big cake that needs cutting up or a pack of Mr. Kipling cakes where they are not in individual wrappers can't be given out.

### YEAR 5 VISIT TO FORTIS ACADEMY

On 30th January, Year 5 visited Fortis Academy. Lily and Ripley tell us what 5W got up to:

*At Fortis, we were testing different pieces of evidence to solve a crime. We tested different "blood" samples to see which colour moved when it was wet. Then, we tested different chemicals to see what colour a flame would change to. We had lots of fun!*

Alice (5C) explains what her class experienced:

*Our class went to the language room to crack a terrible tragedy: someone had stolen the traditional German lederhosen! We easily cracked the case with help from some Year 9 students. We had a fantastic experience!*

### BEECHES READS

Our latest reading newsletter is attached, aimed at our junior readers - please have a look at this together.

### RAMADAN

When we come back, we will be in the Holy Month of Ramadan, it is important that parents understand the school's responsibilities to those children who may wish to consider fasting.

For your information, the school has been advised that children under 10 years of age are not required to fast and, as primary age children become very tired when they do not have regular meals and are sometimes unable to safely perform the activities expected of them during the course of a school day, we want to explain the procedures that will be followed to ensure the well-being of your child or children:

- We strongly discourage fasting in children below Year 5.
- If you do wish your junior school child to fast, please contact Mrs Liddington via ClassDojo or email: [c.liddington@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk](mailto:c.liddington@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk)
- As the School is required to take care of all pupils and cannot ignore the needs of a hungry or thirsty child, the staff will comply with requests for food or drink received from a child, even if you have notified us about your child fasting.
- If a child appears to be experiencing adverse physical or emotional effects due to fasting, e.g. dizziness, nausea, distress etc., staff will offer that child food or drink, even if you have notified us they are fasting, and may call you, and if we believe that it is necessary, the emergency services, .

To those of you observing Ramadan, we wish you every blessing of this special time.

### SEND SUPPORT FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Attached to this newsletter are details of two opportunities for parents and carers of children with SEND. Please note that these are not Beeches Junior School events but we are happy to share details on behalf of our partner agencies.

The Communication and Autism Team (CAT) are inviting parents and carers who want to understand more about Autism to attend drop-in sessions at Wyndcliffe Primary School. No need to book - just turn up.

Be Empowered workshops are aimed at early support for parents and carers of children with SEND. They run at several venues. You can find more information about the workshops here:

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/BEWS-FLYER-25-26-v1.3.pdf>

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### INFANT SCHOOL

#### STARS OF THE WEEK

##### For 'Not giving up'

Crocodiles: Alina                      Dolphins: Khloe B  
 Monkeys: Hariyan                      Seals: Johan  
 Tigers: Kaylan                          Whales: Damian  
 Owls: Ariana  
 Parrots: Niyla  
 Penguins: Hyabeal

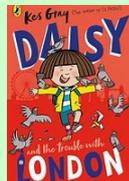
#### GOLDEN CHILD OF THE WEEK

##### For Good Behaviour

Crocodiles: Noorulain                  Dolphins: Kymarlah  
 Monkeys: Sara R                        Seals: Archie  
 Tigers: Meerab                          Whales: Ashay  
 Owls: Wyatt  
 Parrots: Harsehaj  
 Penguins: Milani

#### BOOK OF THE WEEK

"Daisy and the trouble with London" by Kes Gray chosen by Whales



#### DIARY DATES

Fri 13 Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 23 Feb	School reopens
Tue 24 & Thu 26 Feb	Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm
Thu 5 Mar	World Book Day
Tue 17 Mar, 9.00am	Whales maths parent workshop
Wed 18 Mar, 9.00am	Seals maths parent workshop
Thu 19 Mar, 9.00am	Dolphins maths parent workshop
Fri 20 Mar	Comic Relief
Wed 25 Mar, 2.00pm	Year 1 Easter production
Fri 27 Mar	Last day of term
Mon 13 Apr	Start of summer term
Thu 21 & Fri 22 May	Teacher Days - school closed

### JUNIOR SCHOOL

#### STAR AND CHILD AWARDS

Congratulations to all our Star award winners for this half term. They are:

3KP: Aarib, Austin, Faizan, Harry, Safa, Skyla-Mae  
 3L: Asher, Ayat, Isaac, Rylei, Vinnie, Zoraiz  
 3SP: Amrita, Evelyn, Harley, Ibrahim, Mustafa, Zehra  
 4A: Ahmed, Cassia, Justin, Nishtha, Olivia, Zaiden  
 4F: Alex, Awa, Connie, Deondre, Esmee, Willow  
 4S: Ahyan, Asiya, Dermaine, Jai, Kourosh, Rhea  
 5C: Amilaah, Amy, Evie, Ikraam, Isabel, Saliou  
 5L: Amiyah, Awais, Evie, Joshua, Sofia, Tarhe  
 5W: Deedee, Inaaya, Maya, Mohamed, Nivaan, Thierry  
 6M: Anah, Demari, Ellie, Kaiden, Louie, Richelle  
 6P: Albano, Ava, Aydin, Ibrahim, Jessica, Saidan  
 6S: Alfie, Angel, Antonia, Malieek, Zain, Zoya

And our CHILD award winners:

**Community:** Tammy-Leigh (5C), Lucian (5L), Gina (5W), Amy (6P), Zahra (6P); **Health:** Freddie (5W); **Individuality:** Dylan (5C), Kaycee-Mai (5C), Addison (5W), Deedee (5W); **Learning:** Priyansi (4F), Limazah (5C), Niamh (5C), Awais (5L), Gurdeep (5L), Malik (5L), Areesha (5W), Hania (5W); **Diversity:** Jennah (4F), Alayah (5C), Alythia (5L), Lily (5W), Sevak (5W)

#### TEAM POINTS

1. Team Zephaniah	702
2. Team Lewis	601
3. Team Malala	597
4. Team Cadbury	570

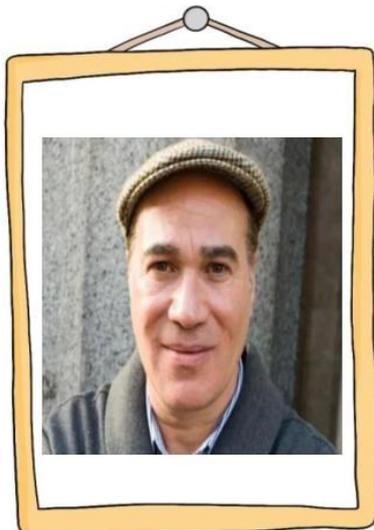
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Fri 13 Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 23 Feb	School reopens
Thu 26 Feb	Year 3 parent workshop
Thu 5 Mar	Year 4 parent workshop
Thu 12 & Fri 13 Mar	Year 4 residential visit to Woodlands
Fri 20 Mar	Comic Relief
Fri 27 Mar	Last day of term
Mon 13 Apr	Start of summer term
Tue 14 Apr	Year 5 visit to Space Centre
Thu 16 Apr	Year 3 visit to synagogue and library
Mon 4 May	Bank holiday - school closed
Tue 5 May pm	Pinocchio pantomime in school

# Beeches Reads



Welcome to another edition of Beeches Reads. At Beeches Junior School, reading is at the heart of everything we do, and we are committed to nurturing a lifelong love of books in all our pupils. We take pride in exploring a wide range of genres and celebrating the work of many fantastic authors. Have a wonderful half term. We hope you find plenty of moments to slow down, get cosy, and lose yourself in a book that truly captures your imagination. Whether you're discovering a new author, revisiting an old favourite, or trying a genre you've never explored before, enjoy every page.



## Author Spotlight

**Yuval Zommer**

On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** we will be celebrating World Book Day again at Beeches Infant and Junior Schools. Our theme is, '**Around the World in Books**,' running from EYFS through to Year 6. Each year group will be exploring a text, extract, or chapter linked to a different country, helping our pupils discover stories from around the world. This edition's Author Spotlight shines on Yuval Zommer. You can already find several of his wonderful titles in school, and we're excited to share that his brand-new book, ***The Whale that Sings in the Deep***, is due for release in March 2026. It's already on order, and we can't wait for you to enjoy it here at Beeches.

Yuval Zommer graduated from the Royal College of Art with an MA in Illustration. He worked for many years as a creative director at leading advertising agencies before becoming the author and illustrator of highly acclaimed non-fiction. Yuval has sold over 2 million books worldwide and been translated into 30 languages; broadening their reach and impact. His work has been recognised with several accolades, including being shortlisted for the UKLA Book Awards and the English Association Picture Book Awards.

**Here you will find some extracts and activities inspired by his books.**

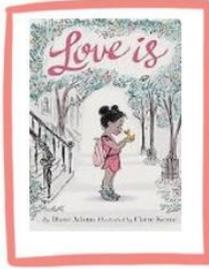
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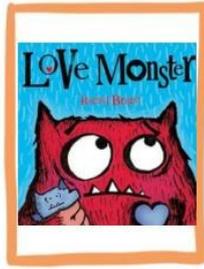
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Pre-Key Stage Reads

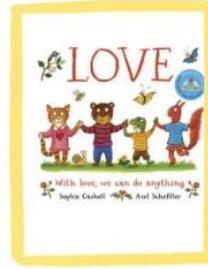
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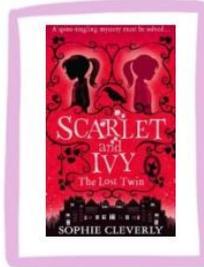
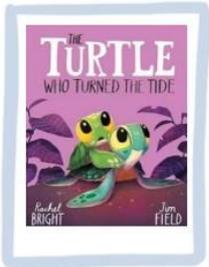
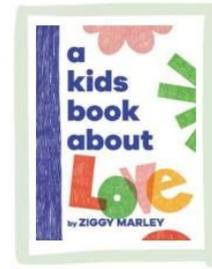
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Year Five

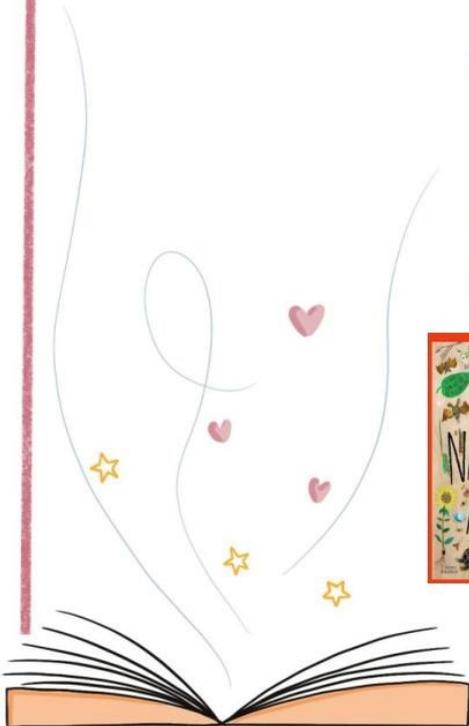


Year Six



## Book Match

Here is a selection of books by our spotlight author, Yuval Zommer...





# FEBRUARY '26 HOLIDAY CAMP



Sport & Physical activity

Arts & Crafts

**GLENMEAD PRIMARY**  
Glenmead Rd  
FOR CHILDREN AGE 5 UPTO YEAR 6  
**PAID PLACES:**  
**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Feb '26**  
(please note; 3pm finish on Fri)

**PLACES STILL AVAILABLE IF YOU BOOK NOW!**

## SESSION TIMINGS & PRICES

9am - 3pm £19.00  
9am - 5pm £25.00

\*10am - 3pm £16.00  
10am - 5pm £22.00

All staff have enhanced DBS checks & have experience working with children



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# Communication and Autism Team

## Parent Carer Workshops - Wyndcliffe Primary School

We would like to invite you to a CAT Parent carer workshop for parent carers who would like to increase their understanding of autism and ways to support their child.

Workshops will be held over five weeks with the following themes:

24<sup>th</sup> February 9.15-10.45am - Language and Communication

3<sup>rd</sup> March 9.15-10.45am - Sensory Differences

10<sup>th</sup> March 9.15-10.45am - Emotional Regulation

17<sup>th</sup> March 9.15-10.45am - Sleep

24<sup>th</sup> March - 9.15-10.45am - Confidence and Independence in Everyday life

**Sessions will take place at:**

**Wyndcliffe Primary School (Beeches Site)**

**Little Green Lane, Birmingham, B9 5BG**

*Parent carers from all Birmingham schools are welcome to come along.*

